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MS PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): AOKI, Kentaroh

For: BACKLIGHT UNIT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS  
COMPRISING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Thirty-one (31) pages
- Five (5) sheet(s) formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority

Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-272308 filed in JAPAN on September 18, 2002.

Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  
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Executed Declaration ( Original  Photocopy)

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Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

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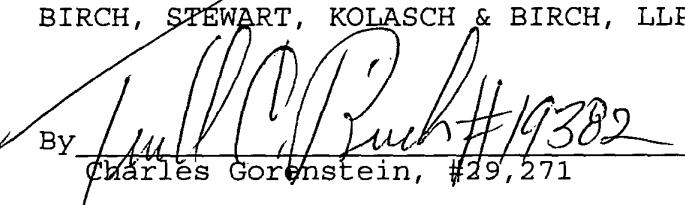
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